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Solomon Japs Outnumbered

Battle for Oivi Near Decisive Stage; **Enemy Battered**

(Continued from Page 1) tions in day-to-day American life on the island yet to come from an official source.

Brightened by many humorous touches, his story was none-theless one of grand fortitude on the part of soldiers and marines, most of whom have known hardly a moment of unworried rest since the Solomons campaign began

three months ago. Even under such circumstances Holcomb reported, the marines have developed their own humorous slant. To them the jap who sends over a flight of seaplanes to bomb their positions is "Louis the Louse." The frequent lone submarine that shells them by night as light. is "Oscar the Sub," enemy artillery bombording them from the fighter squadrons stationed on jungle to the southwest is "Pistol captured airdromes have exacted" Pete" to the ground troops and a heavy toll of these axis raiders, "Millimeter Pete" to the airmen, it was said. and the cruiser-destroyer groups regularly every other night constitute the "Tokio Express."

The marine general, who ar- is called "Africa's Paris." rived on Guadalcanal October 21 to get first hand information on the status of Darlan. training and equipment needs and left on the 23rd, described the "Tokio Express" as consisting usually mountains upon Port Moresby rying 150 each. He said that "Our these groups.'

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Austrailia, Wednesday, Nov. 11-(A)-The battle for Oivi, 55 miles from the northwestern New Guinea coast, between Jap and allied ground forces now is approaching the decisive stage, the high command announced Wednesday.

Heavy fighting is in progress at vance across the Owen Stanley area between Buna and Oivi.

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Oran Captured by US Force; Tunis 'Go Ahead' Said Given -

have captured Mehdia in addi-

tion to Safi and Fedala and all

troops are now reported ashore

and driving forward with their

During the first two days

French destroyers and light tor-

in efforts to interrupt the land-

ings. Rear Adm. H. K. Hewitt.

American commander of naval

forces, finally had to turn loose

American sea and air strength to

annihilate the light French forces.

ican warships, but it was known

that American carrier-based dive

bombers have been attacking war-

With the capture of Algiers and

Oran, the allies now hold the two

best ports in the western Mediter-

ranean and fighter cover from

and get after the enemy common

to both of us," said Eisenhower.

commanders reported that resist-

ance at both those places was con-

fined to professional soldiers and

the allies a large naval base and

a deep harbor from which the

largest ships of the American

and British navies could support

expanded offensive action and

seek out Italy's seldom seen

The supreme commander said

he could not praise too highly the

coordination between naval.

ground and air forces in the Oran

The fall of Oran is certain to

It took the Germans six weeks

to crush Norwegian resistance in

have a profound effect on the

fleet.

The capture of Oran gives

sailors who obey Vichy orders.

Both Algiers and Oran field

"Our job now is to reorganize

shore bases for their convoys.

ships in the harbor.

Field reports there were not

equipment.

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Leaning back in his chair after the tense hours, Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower closed his eyes and said "it was no child's play at Oran and I am mighty proud of our boys who have not had any sleep since Friday night."

Then leaning forward with a serious expression on his face, he added, "but I don't want to make this appear as a great military victory. The French are our friends and we want to keep them as our friends. We only fought because we had to."

At Algiers, where Vichy's defense chief Adm. Jean Darlan is now a guest of an American general, the axis has been attacking allied naval forces, but the damage is described by headquarters

Carrier-based planes and RAF

In the Algiers area American which have landed about 900 men troops are reported to have been welcomed by the population of the famous city which sometimes There is official silence here on

Maj. Gen. George S. Patton's

of a cruiser which carried about Since November 3, the allied 300 troops and four destroyers car- forces have been close to Oivi and, encountering stiff resistance on a troops have accounted for two of scale they had not faced since the Japs began backtracking, called upon their planes and tried encircling and infiltration tactics to crack the Jap defenses.

While the ground attack moved toward a climax, heavy aerial blows were dealt between Oivi and the Jap's northeastern New Guinea coastal base on Buna near which American troops, aerially

transported, already are fighting. Ammunition dumps were de-Oivi where the Japs elected to stroyed and heavy anti-aircraft make a stand after having re- guns were blown from their emtreated since September 29 from placements by planes which the point of their farthest ad- bombed and strafed the Soputa

Continuous Today 1 to 11:30 P. M. Norway-a country much smaller BIG NEW SHOW TODAY than French North Africa and within easy reach of nazi bomb-ELEANOR'S taps... ers. Eisenhower's split-second,

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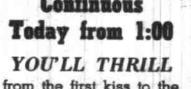
ceived in bases thousands of miles away, has accomplished a comparable result in 60 hours. The tough one-time cowboy who now wears three stars on each shoulder is giving the Germans a lesson in the type of war

pheric conditions.

they originated-blitzkrieg. Hhis biggest regret concerning this campaign-which is an outstanding example of the efficiency of having one supreme commander for land, sea and air forces-is that "there was any need ot fight at all."

Preliminary and incomplete reports indicate that allied losses were light for the gains involved

and were far below expectations. Continuous



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Doolittle Men **Control Skies** campaign against Casablanca

US Pilots Bomb and Strafe French in North Africa

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pilots who immediately forgot pedo boats made repeated attacks their lack of sleep and kept on hammering at the opposing armored columns which were pushing northward from the direction of quarters in this region for the French Foreign legion.

The American pilots also put clear whether the 35,000-ton out of action a number of artillery French battleship at Casablanca batteries which had been shelling was damaged by bombs or by this airdrome. shells from the big guns of Amer-

Planes dropped leaflets from Gen. Henri Honore Giraud (the French general who has joined the allied forces and who will be The Jean Bart never left the in charge of civil and military diharbor at any time during the rection of the country) urging the French to cease fighting.

"Save your bullets for the

Boche," they read. Maj. D. B. Avery, 25, of Salt Lake City, Monday afternoon spotted an armored column moving north from Sidi Rel Abbes toward this airdrome and went down close to investigate. A couple of lucky shots struck his gas tank and he was forced to make a crash landing. He landed uninjured 100 yards from a hostile column but he escaped and was picked up by one of our motor columns.

Lt. Col. F. M. Dean, of St Petersburg, Fla., destroyed five tanks in one enemy column which ently glad to be doing the work was pushing northward from Sidi

taking off to scout the area for the like to know how you are, what remaining armored units and also to attack with their machine guns think of him as he does of you." French ground batteries and ground forces near a second air- why should he address a line to

This second airdrome also is fighting Morocco on the Atlantic held by our troops but is under coast, where field reports show attack by French artillery and the forces of Maj. Gen. George S. armored units. The rolling fire of Patton, jr., are making steady progress. Communications beheavy guns is plainly audible from hills some distance away. tween Algeria and Morocco have I rode to General Doolittle's been hampered by bad atmos-

headquarters with an armored column. We had been warned to expect trouble en route. At one place along the war French arexpect trouble en route. At one tillery unsuccessfully shelled the road we were traveling. We halted at several villages

synchronized campaign, con- where Maj. Don Coster. a Montreal advertising executive, who lists his home towns as New York City, and who was an ambulance driver in France before the Germans captured Paris, talked in French with a number of civilians.

All the civilians said they were delighted "that you Americans have arrived," and asked us not to judge them by the resistance being made by

All day long Monday three American squadrons kept up continual ground strafing attacks. The first French planes to be

shot down were credited to Lt. Carl W. Payne, 21, of Columbus, Ohio; Lt. Charles Kenworthy, 23, of Shenandoah, Ia., and Maj. Harrison R. Thyng, 24, of Barnstead.

Within a few hours after the ground troops had seized their positions our Spitfires landed and immediately began to use the field as a base for military operations.

Governor Sets Thanksgiving

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lic Thanksgiving. In this critical year God through nature has blessed the long toil of the husbandmen, giving bountiful crops now safely harvested. The state has been spared natural calamity and waste and loss from fires in our forests. No serious contagion has impaired the health of the people. Unemployment is no longer the dread spectre at many doorsteps. I call on the people of the state

to assemble in their places of worship on the day herein appointed, there to offer solemn thanks to Almighty God for the blessings we enjoy, to pray for divine guidance for our nation, and to beseech divine favor on the progress of our arms.

In the homes let the day be spent soberly, without gluttony, matching in these war times the spartan courage of our soldiers with spartan continence in living.

STARTS TODAY THE FUNNIEST COMEDY IDEA IN YEARSI Norma Robert — Companion Feature — Blozing Action in the Land of Thrills and Ex-DEATH VALLEY

ON the HOME FRONT By ISABEL CHILDS

On the eve of Armistice day, he was recalling experiences of that other war-and relaxing. For this was his night off from work at the shipyards, but whatever he had taken to help him relax left no gleam in his eyes as he leaned across our table in a downtown restaurant. No one offered him Sidi Bel Abbes, which is head- a seat, but there were those in our party who recalled with the man of the iron grey hair events of 25 years ago and the welcome

> Somewhere between that first Armistice day and this a different kind of warfare had entered the life of our friend, and he was frank in telling us his story.

Marriage, three children, success in business, bankruptcy a full 15 years ago and with it ill feelings and a broken home. Today he speaks, or at least

last night he did, with pride of the sons and daughter he left. The yet-handsome face, brown and lined, the tired eyes beneath the shock of hair now revealed and again hidden as the rakish hat was removed, replaced and tipped back, took on a new expression as he spoke of that trio. The oldest is fighting-he believes. But there could be no surety in what he believes, for he has not heard from them in 15 years.

Embittered in his thoughts of the life he lost, although apparhe accomplishes today, he has never taken a pencil to write As I write this dispatch at 6:40 these simple words: "Dear sons a.m., Tuesday our Spitfires are and daughter, your dad would you are doing and that you still They have not written to him,

So, he fights Mr. Hitler, he declares, as he fits ships, but I cannot help feeling that the lad "now fighting, or at least old enough to" could meet with better spirit the danger on the battlefront had he this one extra bit of "news from home".

Gathering At Gibraltar

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Rome said there had been "successful attacks" by submarines on British and American warships in Mediterranean waters. The Italian surface fleet, a con-

bombs.

siderable force possibly including as many as seven battleships, was still in hiding. But it seemed certain that Hitler, in his reported conference with Pierre Laval and Mussolini at Rome, would have some assignment for the Italian war vessels.

The British admiralty reported er off the north coast of Sicily, indicating that the British were pressing the sea war right to the shores of Italy. German submarines were ex-

pected to step up their activity. But from the allied side came a bit of encouraging news regarding the war against submarines. A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty, reported in the house of commons that to date 57 German under sea vessels are known to have been sunk, damaged or captured.

Bombers Hit German Area

Into Libya; Russia Fighting Reduced

(Continued from Page 1) Sidi Barrani and the border outpost of Salum, and was certain to be quickly liquidated.

The allied air force operating from new advance fields has been giving the enemy no peace as he lees along the coast road. Axis fortified areas and posi-

tions deep in Libya were being subjected to releatless bombings. Far behind in the Egyptian desert one of the starkest tragedies of the conflict was unfold-ing as British searching parties rounded up the thousands of

hapless Italians who were abandoned without sufficient food and water by their German allies when Lt. Gen. B. L. Montgomery's troops first smashed through at El Alamein.

MOSCOW, Wednesday, Nov. 11 -(P)-Military operations along the Russian front dwindled almost to skirmish level Wednesday and foreign observers speculated that the Germans might be regrouping for a new major blow at the red lines now holding firmly from the Baltic to the Black sea.

The heaviest engagement Tuesday was fought along the Black sea coast northeast of Tuapse but there the invaders struck with relatively light forces and were promptly hurled back, the Russians said.

In Stalingrad there was sharp fighting but in comparison with the masses of troops thrown against the Volga stronghold a few weeks ago WednesCay's clashes involved little more than heavy patrols.

Hitler Says Plan Known For Landing

(Continued from Page 1) "German occupation troops have been given orders for joint

"Given on November 11, 1942. "Signed Adolf Hitler." The letter was read by a spokesman of the German army. The announcement began:

"Frenchmen, officers and men "On September 3, 1939, the British government without cause or reason declared war

upon Germany. "Those responsible for this war infortunately succeeded at that time in instigating the French government to join the declaration

of war. "For Germany this constituted an unbearable provocation. The German government had never made any claims on her which might have caused her offense.

"The German people who then had to face this aggression while sacrificing the blood of its sons never felt any hatred for France. "Nevertheless, this war started in this fashion and involved a the torpedoing of an Italian cruis- great many families of the two

countries in grief and sorrow. "After the crumbling of the Anglo-French front which, after the flight of the British to Dunkerque, developed into a catastrophe, France asked Germany for an armistice.

"Under the armistice Germany asked nothing which might be incompatible with the honor of the French army.

"Precautions, however, had to be taken-in order to prevent the fight from being started again in the interests of the

NEW SHOW

TODAY

2 ACTION-PACKED HITS

A Left to the Chin and a Right to the Heart and the Champ was a

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Peggy Moran

British Race Rommel

mosphere of mutual understandhave sought to set foot again on at 8:30 and the VFW victory dance French soil in order to continue the war, as suits their interests, on French territory.

"Germany had no intention

"She hoped by a subsequen

reasonable peace to achieve an at-

come to a lamentable end, the An- lic. glo-American attack was launched against the colonies of North and West Africa." "Having regard to the weak ness of the French forces in those parts," it went on, "the enemy

yould find it an easier ground

for operations than in the west where the country is protected by Germany. "The German government has known for 24 hours that plans of these operations provide that the next attack will be made against Corsica in order to occu-

south coast of France. German army immediately to duty as in the past."

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Armistice whatsoever of humiliating France or of infringing on the integrity of the French empire.

(Continued from Page 1) 1:30 to 6 o'clock, open house by ing in Europe. both groups with general enter-"Since that time Great Britain tainment; the VFW public initiaboth groups with general enterand now also the United States tion of new members at their hall following at 9 o'clock. Of the two dances, that of the Legion at the "After several attempts had armory is open to the general pub-

> march through the unoccus and this is now be done - and to march to the point aimed at by the Anglo-American landing troops.

"The German army does not come as an enemy of the French people nor of its soldiers nor does it intend to govern these terri-

"It has a single aim-to repel together with its allies any landing attempt by the Anglo-Ameripy that island and against the can forces

"Marshal Petain and his gov-"In these circumstances L ernment are entirely free and felt compelled to order the are in the position to fulfill their

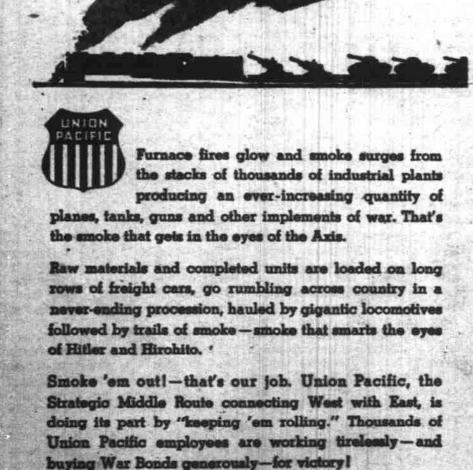


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